

Supply & Demand Chain Executive's 2026 Pros to Know

Nominations are open for *Supply & Demand Chain Executive's* 2026 Pros to Know award, which recognizes outstanding executives whose accomplishments offer a roadmap for other leaders looking to leverage supply chain for competitive advantage.

What is the overall timeframe?

Entries open: Monday, Oct. 20, 2025

Entries due: Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CST

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The criteria includes:

- The Pros to Know award is broken down into four distinct categories:
 - **Top Procurement Pros** → Recognizes professionals in the procurement space, with a procurement title.
 - **Top Transportation Innovators** → Recognizes professionals in the transportation space, including freight, trucking, rail, air cargo, ship/ports, etc.
 - **Rising Stars** → Recognizes young or newer professionals (39 and under) whose achievements, hard work and vision have shaped the supply chain network.
 - **Leaders in Excellence** → Honors company leaders who've made outstanding contributions to the supply chain space. Must have at least 10 years of documented experience in supply chain and logistics.
- There will be (1) overall winner in each category; additional winners will be listed out accordingly, [CLICK HERE](#) for example from last year's winners.
- Overall winners for each category will receive the highest-level promotional package, which includes:
 - Executive Profile in Online Article (Headshot & Bio)
 - Virtual Video or Email Interview with Editor-in-Chief, posted to SDCExec.com.
 - Logo License (unlimited rights and full access to include, share and embed the award logo anywhere, everywhere at all times).
 - A Commemorative Plaque
- Applications are free; there is no charge/fee to apply.
- Limit one category per nominee. Those submissions for the same person with multiple categories will be disqualified.
- Limit up to three nominees per company. Those submissions for more than three nominees per company could result in disqualification.
- Limit one category per nominee per company. Those submissions with more than one nominee in the same category could result in disqualification.
- *Supply & Demand Chain Executive* reaches executives in procurement, warehousing, transportation, education and more.
- *Supply & Demand Chain Executive* does NOT cover the cold food and beverage supply chain. Companies solely in the F&B sector or those who only have customers in the F&B sector are not eligible. (Only part of the cold food chain? [Check out Food Logistics' awards](#)).

- Who is Eligible: Executives in the global supply chain space covering procurement, transportation, warehousing, education and more. If this nominee works in the supply chain, he/she is eligible.
- Submissions must tell a story; they must detail the journey the nominee has taken to get to this current stage in his/her career. The more information, the better. Those submissions with one-sentence answers or no examples will not be considered.
- Winners ARE NOT determined based on relationship or advertising position with *Supply & Demand Chain Executive*. Nominee names and company names are hidden in the vetting process; *Supply & Demand Chain Executive's* editorial staff vet applications based on the submission itself, which is why telling a story and providing clear examples is imperative to determining winners vs. non-winners.
- Nominees can be located nationally and/or internationally.
- Be sure to hit "Submit" at the end of the application process. Applications must be completed in full to be considered. Incomplete submissions or those with incorrect information will be disqualified.
- All applications must be submitted electronically. Applications emailed to *Supply & Demand Chain Executive's* staff or submitted through social media channels will not be considered.
- Names, titles and other information will be published as listed in the nomination form. *Supply & Demand Chain Executive* will not be held responsible for publishing names or other information that was incorrectly submitted in the nomination process. Please proofread your work.
- Information provided in the application may be used in print and online.
- Nominations can come from PR/marketing firms/agencies, suppliers, vendors, customers, co-workers and/or the companies themselves. Executives can self-nominate. PR/marketing firms can nominate one or more client(s) Nominees from PR/marketing firms/agencies are not applicable.
- Honorees are vetted by *Supply & Demand Chain Executive's* editorial staff.
- Previous wins do not automatically guarantee a spot in this year's award. Multiple submissions for the same nominee may result in elimination. Wins from other awards not related to *Supply & Demand Chain Executive* will also not automatically guarantee a spot in this year's award.
- **Nominations close Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CST.** *Supply & Demand Chain Executive* will not accept any past due submissions.
- Questions can be directed to editor-in-chief Marina Mayer at mmayer@iron.markets.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to check out FAQs.

Your Contact Information:

- Your First Name (required, will not publish):
- Your Last Name (required, will not publish):
- Your Email (required, will not publish):
- Country (required, will not publish):
- Your Phone Number (required, will not publish):
- Your Mobile Number (optional, will not publish):

Nominee Contact Information:

- Your Phone Number (required, will not publish):
- Your Mobile Number (optional, will not publish):
- Nominee Name (required):
- Nominee Title (required):
- Nominee Email (required, will not publish):
- Nominee headshot (upload here, optional):
- Company Name or Organization (required):
- Company logo (upload here, optional):
- Company Street Address (required, will not publish):
- City (required, will not publish):
- State (required, will not publish):
- Zip Code (required, will not publish)
- Country (required, will not publish):
- Company Website (required):
- Contact Name at Company (required, will not publish):
- Contact Email at Company (required, will not publish):

About the Nominee:

Select (1) category (required):

- **Top Procurement Pros** → Recognizes professionals in the procurement space, with a procurement title.
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Describe the nominee's job. What are his/her day-to-day tasks? (required, no word/character count limit):

What makes the nominee a Pro to Know in the respective category? Please list his/her achievements, initiatives, leadership roles, etc. Please describe the impact or results of those initiatives. Tell the story. Be specific. (required, no word count or character limit).

Outline 1-3 examples of projects/initiatives/goals/achievements from the nominee within the past 12 months. Be thorough. Include as much detail as possible. (required, no word/character count limit):

What goal(s) is/are the nominee looking to achieve in the next 12 months? What's next? (required, no word count limit):

Select the category that best fits the nominee's company/market. (select one, required):

- Association
- Consultancy
- Education/Certification
- Procurement/Sourcing
- Risk Management/Safety
- Software/Technology
- Sustainability
- Transportation
- Warehousing

Please describe something "worth noting" about this nominee that you believe is a competitive differentiator and would be of interest to *Supply & Demand Chain Executive's* readers. (required, no word count limit):

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